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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division  
290 Broadway, 19th Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

Attention: Ms. Eugenia Naranjo  
Remedial Project Manager

Re: Administrative Order on Consent, U.S.E.P.A. Index No. CERCLA-02-2004-2010 for Newark Bay Study Area – Baseline Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment – *Draft Problem Formulation*

Dear Ms. Naranjo:

Tierra Solutions, Inc. [funding and performing, on behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation, the subject Administrative Order On Consent (Newark Bay AOC)] (Tierra) hereby submits to the USEPA, pursuant to the Newark Bay AOC, four copies [2 paper, 2 electronic] of the above-referenced report.

Prepared pursuant to the USEPA-approved outline, the draft Problem Formulation establishes the overall goals, breadth, and focus of the baseline ecological and human health risk assessments. If you have any questions regarding this report please feel free to contact me at (732) 246-5849.

Sincerely,

Tierra Solutions, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlie Thompson".

Carlie T. Thompson  
Facility Coordinator  
On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation  
(as successor to Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company)

Enclosure

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